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In re application of William W. Jacobsen Application No. 09/900,129 Filed: July 6, 2001 Title: Lignocellulose Fiber Filler For Thermoplastic) Composite Compositions

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This responds to the Official Action dated December 4, 2002. A Petition for Extension of Time and an authorization to charge deposit account no. 13-4365 are enclosed.

REMARKS

Claims 13-19 remain in the application.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance, and that the examiner has thus far failed to consider certain features of the claims which distinguish the presently claimed invention from the cited references. Therefore, Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the discussion below.

Claims 13-16, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,380,522 to Georlette et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,194,461 to Bergquist et al. In the present Office Action, designated as final, the Examiner relies on reasoning stated in his first Office Action to reject the claims.